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Timely Tidbits ...

Thanksgiving Service

Pentecostal Missionary Baptist Church, located at 35625 Vinewood (east of Wayne Road between Ecorse and Van Born), will host a Community Thanksgiving Service on Friday, November 18, at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Thanksgiving Dinner

Romulus House Restaurant (corner of Wayne and Wick roads) will be serving free Thanksgiving dinners on Wednesday, November 23, from 4 to 8 p.m. Donations welcomed, but not necessary. All proceeds will go to the Romulus Goodfellows for their "No child (or senior citizen) without a Christmas" program.

Holiday Programs

The City of Romulus will kick off the holiday season with its annual tree-lighting ceremony on Friday, December 2. For details on this and other seasonal programs, see the article on page 9.

Phone Cards for Wounded Soldiers

Romulus Post Office employees are inviting area residents to join their effort to send phone cards to wounded American soldiers for the holidays.

According to Romulus Postmaster Diane Puroll and postal worker Sharon Bokor, soldiers who are hospitalized at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center do not have long-distance telephone privileges, and must call collect or use prepaid phone cards to contact their friends and loved ones.

Phone cards (in a variety of denominations) may be purchased at the post office (located on Hunt Street in downtown Romulus) until Wednesday, December 20. Postal employees will then package all the donated cards and send them via Express Mail to Walter Reed. (Note: Those who do not wish to purchase cards may make smaller cash donations that will be pooled to buy additional phone cards.)

Donations for the post office's mitten tree are also welcome. □

Newly Elected City Officials Sworn into Office



Taking the Oath of Office during the 16th annual City of Romulus Inaugural Ceremony – held at Romulus City Hall on Monday, November 14, 2005 – were: (from left) front – Councilmen William Crova and John Barden, Treasurer Pamela Morrison-Kersey, Clerk Linda Choate, and Mayor Alan R. Lambert; back – Councilmen Harry Crout, Ellen Craig-Bragg, LeRoy Burcroff, William Wadsworth, and Randolph Gear. (photo by Ann Kreutzer)

By Kristi Stephens

The 16th annual City of Romulus Inaugural Ceremony featured fresh faces and venerable veterans of more than two decades, as Romulus voters chose to support both incumbents and newcomers in the November 8 General Election.

With 75.66% of the ballots cast in the mayoral race, incumbent Alan R. Lambert scored a decisive victory over his challenger, then-Councilwoman Debbie Romak. Unofficial results released by the City Clerk's office showed Lambert garnering 3,650 votes to Romak's 1,160 (24.05%), with 14 write-in votes also cast.

In the campaign for the treasurer's office, incumbent Pamela Morrison-Kersey defeated challenger Larry D. Moore by a slightly smaller margin, 3,150 to 1,402, while Clerk Linda Choate, who ran unopposed, drew 3,934 votes.

In the council race, incumbent Randolph Gear retained his chairmanship by racking up the single highest vote total (3,156). The remaining six seats were captured by incumbents William Wadsworth (2,879) and LeRoy Burcroff (2,783), newcomers Ellen Craig-Bragg (2,501) and John Barden (2,494), incumbent William Crova (2,204), and newcomer Harry Crout (2,062).

The remainder of the candidates finished in the following order: incumbent Michael Prybyla (1,962), Niema White (1,803), incumbent Charles Miller (1,322), Rodney Pennington, Jr. (1,215), Steven Lewkowicz (1,183), Ed Buczkowski (1,006), and Leo Knasiak (477).

A total of 4,899 votes were cast.

After taking the Oath of Office – administered by 34th District Court Judge David M. Parrott in the Council Chambers at Romulus City Hall – each of the newly elected officials briefly addressed the audience at the Inaugural Ceremony. Several paid homage to long-serving predecessors – including former mayor Beverly McAnally and former councilmen Jimmie Raspberry, (the late) Ellis Pennington, and (the late) Mary Ann Banks – for serving as role models and mentors, and all of the candidates expressed their gratitude to those who supported them.

Mayor Lambert was the first to speak.

"Last Tuesday, the voters spoke, and we heard their message loud and clear," he said. "Our residents like what my administration has accomplished over the past four years.

"During my first term," he continued, "we were able to make great improvements in our community during one of

the worst economies ever. We take great pride in our many achievements.

"As excited as I am about that first term, I am even more excited thinking about the next four years. I am proud to be your choice as the leader of this great city – and, together, we will be able to continue to move Romulus forward."

Lambert concluded by thanking his staff of department heads and City employees, who "work very hard every day to provide quality services to our residents," and also thanked his family, campaign volunteers, and the voters of Romulus for their continued support.

Though Lambert, like all the other officials, was obviously happy to have been chosen by the voters, it was the first-time councilmen who were probably the most gratified.

"Receiving the residents' vote of confidence has empowered and motivated me to do my best to represent the people of this city," Craig-Bragg told *The Romulus News*. "Because they believe in me, and believe that I can do this job, I know that I will be able to do it."

Craig-Bragg – a secretary in the Guidance Department at Romulus High School – thinks that one of her strengths as a councilwoman will be her connection with the school district.

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Letters to the Editor

Editor's note: All letters to the editor MUST contain the writer's signature and a telephone number where he/she can be reached in order to verify the letter's authenticity.

The Romulus News reserves the right to edit all letters for clarity and, if necessary, brevity.

Library Seeks Yearbook

The Romulus Public Library keeps issues of the Romulus High School yearbooks all the way back to 1946. We are proud of this collection, and have many patrons who come in and ask to look through the different volumes.

Panic! We are missing the 2004 edition, and cannot get one for our collection. We're hoping that one of the good citizens of Romulus has a copy that he/she would like to donate to the library so that we can say we have a complete set spanning 60 years (when this school year is complete).

Anyone willing to donate his/her 2004 yearbook is asked to bring it to the library (located at 11121 Wayne Road, next to City Hall) or call 734-942-7589.

Sincerely,
Shelley DeLano,
head librarian

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To the Editor:

I would like to recognize and thank everyone who participated in the Romulus Spring Fling Committee's recent Haunted Hayride events. I had a chance to stop by, and was amazed at the overwhelming turnout for a first-time event on a limited budget. I hope to see this grow into something that more residents from Romulus and surrounding communities can enjoy.

I am proud to see Romulus residents, especially the children, having something fun and safe to do within the city. Most of the time, to enjoy anything like this, you have to go elsewhere.

Special thanks go out to the organizers and volunteers who came together to make this event possible. They include Regina Plank, Chuck and Brenda Sharrow, George and Rusty Davis, Jim and Jake VanAssche, Mac Stillwagon, and many kids from Romulus High School.

I am looking forward to next year's Haunted Hayride and the upcoming Spring Fling.

Sincerely,
Jamie Harris
(lifelong Romulus resident) □



My heartfelt thanks to everyone who supported me during the recent election. Your hard work and encouragement were essential to my success.

Sincerely,
Ellen Craig-Bragg
Romulus City Councilwoman

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LeRoy Burcroff
Councilman
City of Romulus

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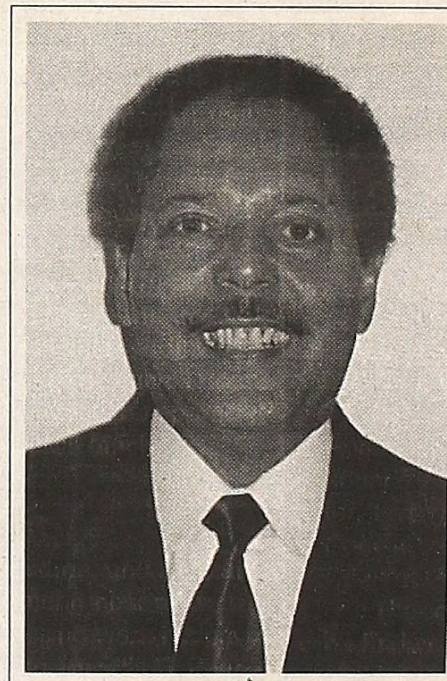
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John R. Barden, Romulus City Councilman

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Underwood Gives Inspiring Talk to Students at RMS



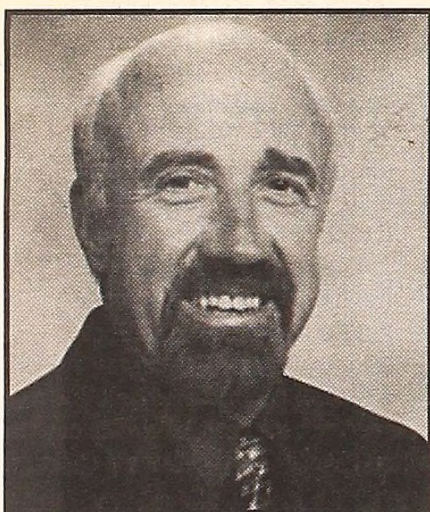
Romulus Middle School staff and students were impressed by a recent inspirational talk given by Dr. Clarence Underwood (back, second from right), a former athletics director at Michigan State University and current MSU spokesperson. RMS principal Phyllis Adkins (back, left) and school counselor Angela Siggia (back, right) were among those on hand to welcome Underwood to the school, along with a number of students: (from left) front – Devin Springer, Bianca Robinson, Leslie Johnson, Onjaleese Warren, and Shelby Woolford; back – Jonathan Stone, Devon Jacquay, Chelsea Druyor, and Gary Sadler.



**Thanks,
Romulus,
for 22 Years
of Support**
Bill Wadsworth
Romulus City Councilman

P.S. Adopt a Pet!
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YOU**

I want to thank the residents of Romulus for their support at the polls.

Friends are the family you choose, and I choose the residents of Romulus.

I won't forget that I work for the people. Your recommendations and suggestions will always be appreciated.

Thank you again for your support.

— Harry

PAID FOR BY HARRY CROUT FOR CITY COUNCIL

Students at Romulus Middle School were recently treated to an inspiring talk by Dr. Clarence Underwood, a former athletics director at Michigan State University. Underwood is still active with MSU, serving as a university representative to Michigan schools.

Dr. Underwood challenged RMS students to think about their futures.

"When I was your age, growing up in Alabama, I had to walk five miles one way to school, and then do my homework by candlelight at night," he said. "But, I was willing to do whatever it took to be successful. My career led me to the University of Wisconsin and then to Michigan State in the coaching field, and I retired as MSU's athletics director several years ago."

Dr. Underwood also helped students

identify strategies for being successful in school, and discussed the importance of standing up to negative peer pressure.

At the end of his presentation, Dr. Underwood received a standing ovation from students, and many of them approached him afterward to thank him for sharing his insight with them.

Principal Adkins announced that Dr. Underwood will be revisiting RMS during Parent Teacher Conferences on Tuesday, November 22. She encourages parents to remain at the school after the conference period to hear another of his special presentations.

"Dr. Underwood said that he would like to be able to talk to all of our parents, too," Adkins explained.

"We are really looking forward to his presentation," she added. □

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The Police Blotter

Thanks to Sergeant Bryan Cozzaglio for submitting the following summary of the Romulus Police Department's significant activity from Monday, October 31, through Sunday, November 13.

Monday, October 31

- 2:00 a.m. – Family Trouble (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 5:59 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 30300 Flynn Dr.)
- 8:06 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 37100 Goddard)
- 8:13 a.m. – Miscellaneous Duties (block of 12600 Wayne)
- 8:19 a.m. – Larceny (block of 35400 Hawthorne Dr.)
- 10:00 a.m. – Property Damage/Malicious Destruction of Property (PD/MDOP) (block of 6220 Cordell)
- 3:59 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 30500 Redwood)
- 5:40 p.m. – Abandoned Vehicle (Cogswell)
- 6:11 p.m. – Felonious Assault (block of 16000 Harrison)
- 7:12 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 15800 Woodmont)
- 7:18 p.m. – Robbery (block of 16100 Taft)
- 7:19 p.m. – Robbery (block of 16400 Oakbrook)
- 7:25 p.m. – Felonious Assault (block of 28600 Zellmer)
- 7:38 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 6970 Niagara)
- 7:47 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 28700 Leroy)
- 7:53 p.m. – Felonious Assault (block of 15300 Harrison)
- 9:03 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 6110 Loraine)

Tuesday, November 1

- 12:52 a.m. – Juvenile Complaint/Runaway (JC/R) (block of 5930 Colorado)
- 1:09 a.m. – Loud Music (block of 6980 Chippewa)
- 3:39 a.m. – Loud Music (block of 6970 Chippewa)
- 4:30 a.m. – Loud Music (block of 6970 Chippewa)
- 8:43 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 9110 Wayne)
- 3:45 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 35400 N. Alexander)
- 5:52 p.m. – Larceny (block of 13200 Cogswell)
- 6:44 p.m. – Criminal Sexual Conduct (CSC) (block of 8210 Wahrman)
- 8:38 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 28400 Halecreek)
- 9:45 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 9500 Middlebelt)

- 9:59 p.m. – Fight (block of 9770 Wayne)
- 11:30 p.m. – Health & Safety (block of 15800 Ridgebrook Path)

Wednesday, November 2

- 12:44 a.m. – Panic Alarm (block of 28000 Five M. Center Dr.)
- 8:22 a.m. – Larceny (block of 9860 Middlebelt)
- 10:38 a.m. – Miscellaneous Duties (block of 11100 Wayne)
- 2:01 p.m. – Threats (block of 7080 Niagara)
- 2:46 p.m. – Assault & Battery (A&B) (block of 9650 Wayne)
- 6:20 p.m. – JC/R (block of 15800 Knurlwoode)
- 7:16 p.m. – JC/R (block of 38400 Huron River Dr.)
- 9:36 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 9770 Wayne)
- 10:20 p.m. – Operating Under the Influence of Liquor (OUIL) (block of 7100 Middlebelt)
- 11:52 p.m. – Robbery (block of 28000 Five M. Center Dr.)

Thursday, November 3

- 12:21 a.m. – Rescue (block of 9320 Chamberlain)
- 9:01 a.m. – Trespassing (block of 28800 Burning Tree Plc.)
- 9:41 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 15000 Brandt)
- 9:47 a.m. – A&B (block of 6000 Wayne)
- 10:33 a.m. – Fight (block of 37300 Wick)
- 1:26 p.m. – Larceny (block of 35300 Van Born)
- 1:57 p.m. – Threats (block of 5940 Airborne)
- 2:24 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 6970 Niagara)
- 3:05 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 38700 Cody)
- 3:48 p.m. – A&B (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 5:11 p.m. – Fraud Complaint (block of 15000 Hillway)
- 5:19 p.m. – Breaking & Entering (B&E) (block of 15200 Merriman)
- 8:14 p.m. – Threats (block of 5960 Frederic)
- 9:40 p.m. – Mental Incapacitation (MI) (block of 38700 Cherokee)
- 10:51 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 35000 Michelle)

Friday, November 4

- 12:04 a.m. – JC/R (block of 16200 Eastwind)
- 12:48 a.m. – Fraud Complaint (reported at RPD headquarters)

- 1:01 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 30300 Flynn Dr.)
- 1:02 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 39300 Ecorse)
- 6:25 p.m. – B&E (block of 13900 Hannan)
- 6:29 p.m. – Fight (block of 37300 Wick)
- 7:37 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 7000 Merriman)
- 8:58 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 29300 Van Born)
- 11:20 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 7020 Abilene)

Saturday, November 5

- 12:28 a.m. – OUIL (block of 5800 Airborne)
- 1:15 a.m. – Shots Fired (block of 30500 Elm Ln.)
- 1:18 p.m. – Fight (block of 8280 Wayne)
- 1:44 p.m. – Vagrant (block of 9200 Middlebelt)
- 6:43 p.m. – Abandoned Vehicle (block of 5980 Treetops)
- 9:34 p.m. – B&E (block of 15000 Pond Way)
- 10:42 p.m. – Loud Music (block of 15000 Brandt)
- 11:43 p.m. – Robbery (block of 11400 Sidney)

Sunday, November 6

- 1:14 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 8000 Merriman)
- 1:40 a.m. – B&E (block of 28300 Heather Way)
- 3:22 a.m. – Health & Safety (block of 8600 Wickham)
- 11:43 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 30200 Dorset)
- 1:31 p.m. – Robbery (block of 28500 Van Born)
- 1:38 p.m. – B&E (block of 29800 Beverly)
- 2:11 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 9650 Tobine)

Monday, November 7

- 12:11 a.m. – Larceny (block of 5820 Middlebelt)
- 1:23 a.m. – B&E (block of 38000 Castle Dr.)
- 2:51 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 36800 Ecorse)
- 11:37 a.m. – Larceny (block of 29900 Beverly)
- 4:04 p.m. – MI (block of 16200 Middlebelt)

Tuesday, November 8

- 12:59 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 6320 Hunt)
- 10:45 a.m. – Fraud Complaint (block of 10400 Middlebelt)
- 12:15 p.m. – Larceny (block of 27400 Ecorse)
- 1:13 p.m. – Larceny (block of 6870 Middlebelt)
- 2:19 p.m. – Larceny (block of 28400 Highland)
- 4:36 p.m. – Recovered UDAA (Unlawful Driving Away of an Automobile) (block of 9890 Wayne)
- 6:05 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 9520 Biddle)
- 7:13 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 38600 Seminole Ct.)
- 8:13 p.m. – Fraud Complaint (block of 35500 Margaret)

Wednesday, November 9

- 12:32 a.m. – Shots Fired (block of 7080 Niagara)
- 6:50 a.m. – UDAA (block of 6750 Merriman)
- 7:43 a.m. – Larceny (block of 6770 Metroplex)
- 9:05 a.m. – Larceny (block of 9520 Essex)
- 9:59 a.m. – B&E (block of 7080 Niagara)
- 10:01 a.m. – Trespassing (block of 5900 Frederic)

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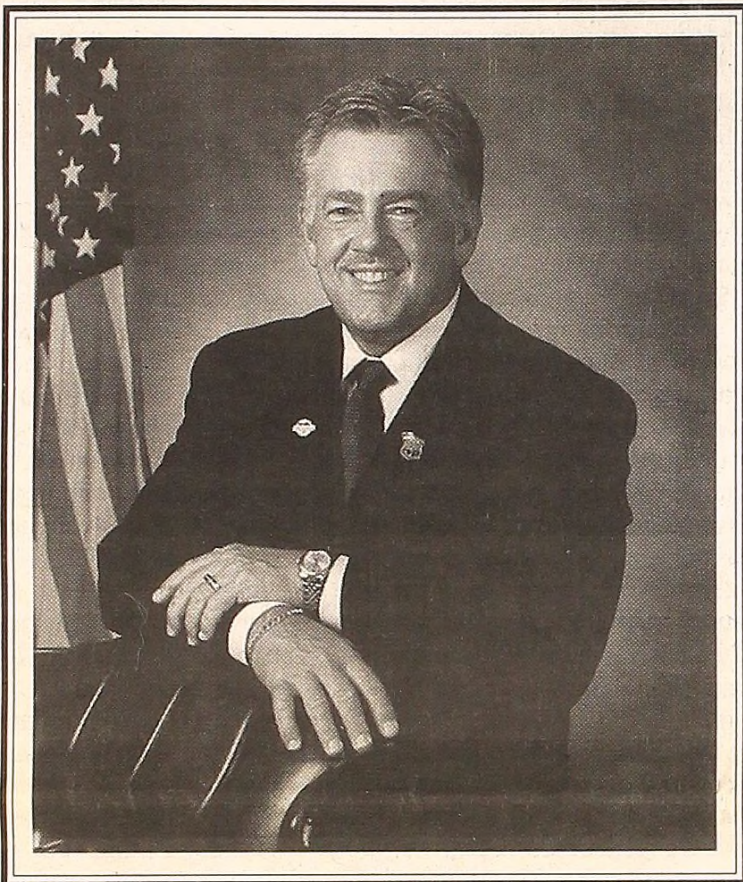
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Congratulations to all the newly elected officials. Together, we will continue to make Romulus a better place to live, work, and raise a family.

Alan R. Lambert, Mayor
City of Romulus

Paid for by the Committee to Elect Alan R. Lambert,
38475 Westvale, Romulus, MI 48174

The Police Blotter

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- 1:01 p.m. – Fraud Complaint (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 1:29 p.m. – JC/R (block of 9520 Biddle)
- 1:41 p.m. – Recovered UDAA (block of 31100 Flynn Dr.)
- 2:07 p.m. – Miscellaneous Duties (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 3:32 p.m. – OUIL (block of 11000 Middlebelt)
- 4:45 p.m. – Drug-related Activity/Investigation (Violation of Public Health Code, or VPHC) (block of 16000 Orchard)
- 5:03 p.m. – Hunting Complaint (block of 35500 Border)
- 6:58 p.m. – OUIL (block of 6880 Wayne)
- 8:16 p.m. – Abandoned Vehicle (block of 34600 Lynn)
- 9:10 p.m. – Threats (block of 9960 Wayne)
- 9:22 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 35600 Margaret)
- 11:40 p.m. – A&B (block of 7600 Merriman)

Thursday, November 10

- 12:53 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 5970 W. Maple)
- 1:06 a.m. – Health & Safety (block of 11200 Olive)
- 7:41 a.m. – Larceny (block of 15400 Oakwood Dr.)
- 8:38 a.m. – UDAA (block of 28400 Highland)
- 9:16 a.m. – A&B (block of 15300 Merriman)
- 10:05 a.m. – Robbery Alarm (block of 30500 Flynn Dr.)
- 10:15 a.m. – Trespassing (block of 28700 Northline)
- 10:53 a.m. – Rescue (block of 38000 Wabash)
- 3:10 p.m. – OUIL (block of 11100 Wayne)
- 3:13 p.m. – Fraud Complaint (block of 11100 Wayne)
- 4:29 p.m. – JC/R (block of 9520 Essex)
- 5:30 p.m. – A&B (block of 37300 Eureka)
- 6:03 p.m. – Fraud Complaint (block of 28200 Goddard)
- 7:35 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 36900 Chase)
- 8:38 p.m. – MI (block of 11500 Whitehorn)
- 10:01 p.m. – Loud Music (block of 35900 Goddard)
- 11:57 p.m. – Robbery Alarm (block of 7070 Middlebelt)

Friday, November 11

- 1:02 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 31200 Ecorse)
- 1:54 a.m. – Larceny (block of 29300 Northline)

- 6:28 a.m. – UDAA (block of 15000 Harrison)
- 7:58 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 9350 Essex)
- 8:28 a.m. – Rescue (block of 28600 Northline)
- 9:21 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 32200 Beverly)
- 9:51 a.m. – Panic Alarm (block of 34700 Stewart)
- 2:20 p.m. – OUIL (block of 29400 Ecorse)
- 2:55 p.m. – B&E (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 4:41 p.m. – A&B (block of 15300 Harrison)
- 4:43 p.m. – Recovered UDAA (block of 27400 Ecorse)
- 9:47 p.m. – OUIL (block of 15000 Middlebelt)
- 9:51 p.m. – A&B (block of 30600 Redwood)
- 11:22 p.m. – Threats (reported at RPD headquarters)

Saturday, November 12

- 12:52 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 34700 Malcolm)
- 2:53 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 31200 Ecorse)
- 3:27 a.m. – Larceny (block of 31400 Ecorse)
- 4:04 a.m. – Shots Fired (block of 15000 Pond Way)
- 5:43 a.m. – Robbery (block of 27400 Beverly)
- 8:21 a.m. – Larceny (block of 30600 Flynn Dr.)
- 8:39 a.m. – B&E (block of 34900 Eureka)
- 12:42 p.m. – Fight (block of 8000 Merriman)
- 1:12 p.m. – Panic Alarm (block of 34100 Beverly)
- 2:34 p.m. – Trespassing (block of 6170 Tyndall)
- 9:42 p.m. – Felonious Assault (block of 33100 Annapolis)
- 10:49 p.m. – Loud Music (block of 30100 Eureka)
- 11:08 p.m. – UDAA (block of 30300 Flynn Dr.)

Sunday, November 13

- 12:11 a.m. – Man with a Weapon (block of 15000 Streamway)
- 12:18 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 9510 Biddle)
- 3:03 a.m. – Felonious Assault (block of 6830 Middlebelt)
- 12:35 p.m. – JC/R (block of 31300 Ecorse)
- 3:11 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 16000 Hannan)
- 3:45 p.m. – Neighbor Trouble (block of 16300 Cork Tree)
- 6:49 p.m. – Rescue (block of 9210 Wayne)
- 7:21 p.m. – Rescue (block of 16000 Hollywood)
- 11:36 p.m. – UDAA (block of 8600 Wickham)
- 11:54 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 35200 Michelle) □

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Cohn, Regional Representative for the U.S. Department of Education, Visits Romulus Community Schools



Kristine Cohn (second from right), regional representative for the U.S. Department of Education, met with Romulus Community Schools superintendent Joel R. Carr (right) and Board of Education members Tom Kuderik and Ken Mientkiewicz before touring the district. *More photos on page 7.*

Kristine Cohn – representative for the U.S. Department of Education's Region V (comprised of Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin) – was an honored guest of the Romulus Community Schools earlier this month. During an extensive two-day tour of the district, Cohn met with

Romulus superintendent Joel R. Carr, Curriculum Department director Tom Dolan, and principals Diane Golka, Debbie Juriga, Lynne Mossioian, and Dorothy West, as well as Board of Education secretary Ken Mientkiewicz and trustee Tom Kuderik. She also visited Romulus High School, where she talked with stu-

dents while lunching in the school's Eagle's Nest restaurant, and visited various classrooms at Barth, Romulus, and Wick elementary schools.

Cohn was first invited to the district by Barth principal Golka, who hoped that she would be able to attend the school's Michigan Blue Ribbon Award ceremony last spring. Unfortunately, Cohn's busy schedule did not permit a visit at that time. Since five of the nation's ten "regional representative" posts are currently vacant, Cohn often does double duty by filling in for regions lacking a representative. For instance, at the request of President Bush, she recently presided over the opening of several new schools in the coastal Mississippi area devastated by Hurricane Katrina.

"We worked really hard to get desks, books, and supplies to the portable classrooms that FEMA [Federal Emergency Management Agency] set up in Pascagoula, Mississippi," she said.

Coincidentally, during Cohn's visit to Romulus Elementary, she talked with student Tyquarius Thomas, who formerly attended Central Elementary School in Pascagoula.

Cohn's meetings with Romulus administrators and Board of Education members included extensive discussion about the federal No Child Left Behind Act. The meetings also gave Curriculum Department director Dolan an opportunity to ask Cohn for assis-

tance with a proposed consortium of the North Central Association, the Middle Cities Education Association, the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency, the University of Michigan, and the Romulus Community Schools, establishing Romulus as a laboratory district for achieving outstanding results in a diverse community. Cohn agreed to send her new assistant to Romulus for future meetings about the consortium as well as discussions about other district programs.

By the conclusion of her visit, Cohn was clearly impressed with much that she saw.

"Often, when I visit school districts, they have one award-winning school to show me – but, here in Romulus, I got to see three exemplary schools," she said, referring to Barth, which won the Blue Ribbon Award last year, and Romulus and Wick schools, which received "A" grades from the Michigan "Education YES!" program. "Romulus is fortunate to have the many outstanding teachers that I had the pleasure of working with on my visit," she added.

Cohn was also impressed with the numerous national, statewide, regional, and local awards recently won by Romulus programs and teachers.

"It is obvious that your staff members are working hard and doing many good things for Romulus students and the community," she concluded. □

RAC's Freshman Flyers Football Team Makes Playoffs



Tom Kuderik (back, center), coach of the Romulus Athletic Club's freshman football team, took his 6-2 Flyers to the Downriver Junior Football League playoffs earlier this month. Coach Kuderik, who is also a Romulus Board of Education trustee, said his players gave their best effort, but lost to Woodhaven, 18-0. Also pictured are assistant coach Bruce Thompson (far back) and members of the team: (from left) front – Jalen Robinson, Matthew Cadden, Pugg-jea Worrel, and Adrian Maloy; middle – Darius Jackson, Marcus Madison, De'Shawndre Jackson, and Jason Samuel II.



Providing spirited support throughout the entire football season was the Romulus Athletic Club's freshman cheerleading squad. The Flyers' head cheerleading coach, Katrina Sampson (back, left), and her assistant coach, Tonya Pittman (back, right), expressed great pride in the effort given by the members of their young squad: (from left) front – Nia Pittman; second row – Imani Pittman, Jadea Watson, and Ashleigh Kendrick; third row – Dakota Kozik, Ticora Harris, Cydnee Kidd, Karyna Smith, and Madeline Satterlee.

U.S. Education Representative Cohn Visits Schools

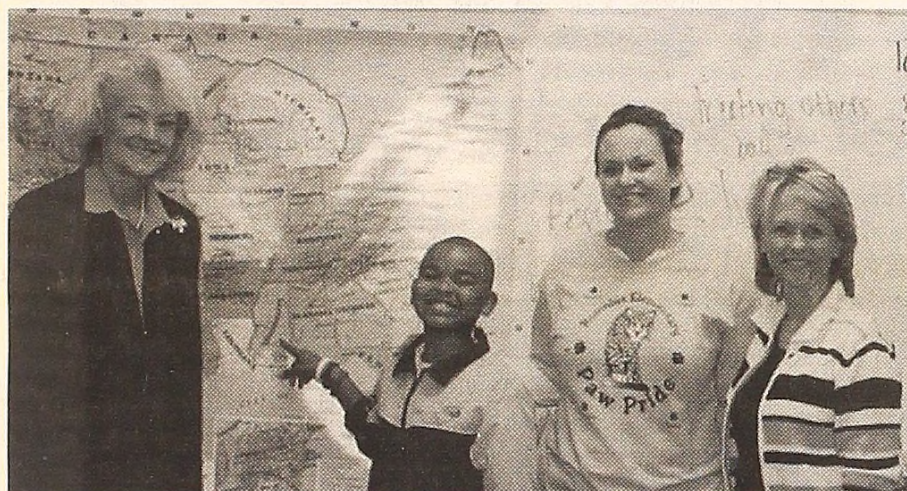
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Kristine Cohn (right), regional representative for the U.S. Department of Education, listened as sixth-grade teacher Mike Blackburn explained how the district's Integrated Learning System helps Barth Elementary students like Fred Nitz with their studies.



Cohn (back, center) and Barth principal Diane Golka (back, right) looked on as fifth-grade teacher Chris Smith (not pictured) showed students (from left: Kendal Hilts, Everett Milspaugh, Ayla Raines, Bobby Kerr, and Jacob Mullins) how punctuation can change the meaning of a sentence.



(From left) Cohn listened as Romulus Elementary student Tyquarius Thomas talked about his former school, Central Elementary, in Pascagoula, Mississippi. Cohn recently presided over the reopening of schools in the Pascagoula area at the request of President Bush. Also pictured are teacher Angela Slavik and principal Lynne Mossoian.



Cohn (back, right) additionally visited the classroom of fourth-grade teacher Rochelle Watson (back, center) to observe her as she delivered the day's lessons. Also pictured are Romulus Elementary principal Mossoian and students (front, from left) Blake Mills, Karyna Smith, and Ticora Harris.



Marilyn Wood (back, center), a kindergarten teacher at Wick Elementary School, had students (front, from left) Patrick Hall and Takayla Beckon tell Cohn (back, right) about something they learned in class that day. Also pictured is Wick principal Debbie Juriga.



Cohn (back, right) was very impressed with the work of ShaVonna Johnson's fourth-grade math students, including (front, from left) Cody Householder, Achlee Fultz, and Darshawn Frison. Johnson (back, left) is also pictured, along with principal Juriga.

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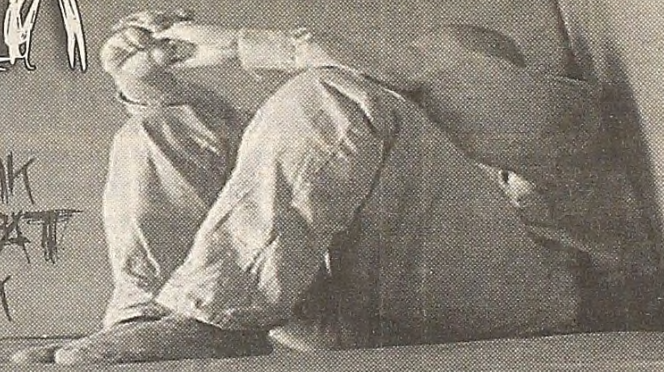
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Santa Arrives for Tree-lighting

The City of Romulus will kick off the holiday season on Friday, December 2, when Santa will make his official arrival just in time for the annual tree-lighting.

The fun will begin at Romulus Historic Park (located on Hunt Street near the post office) at 5 p.m., when the Romulus Historical Commission and the Romulus Historical Society will open the museum and historic Kingsley house — both decorated for the season — to the public. Refreshments and coffee will be served in the museum.

At 6 p.m., Santa will arrive at Historic Park, where Mayor Alan R. Lambert will present him with a "key to the city" and enlist his help to light the city tree.

Afterward, everyone is invited to Progressive Hall (located at 11580 Ozga Road, near Five Points) to enjoy light refreshments while Santa hears children's wishes.

Photos with Santa (\$2 each) will be available. The remainder of the program is free to Romulus residents.

Tree-trim at the Library

The Romulus Public Library (located at 11121 South Wayne Road, south of Goddard) invites children and adults of all ages to take part in its annual Holiday Tree-trimming Party, set for Saturday, December 3, at 10:30 a.m.

Those who attend will enjoy some good, old-fashioned fun (including the stringing of popcorn and cranberries for garland), and will also have a chance to make two ornaments — one for the Library's tree, one to take home.

Highlighting the event will be a visit from Santa, who will stop by at 11:30 a.m. to share a story and pizza feast with youngsters. Pictures will also be available.

Although there is no charge to participate, preregistration is required. For more information, call 734-942-7589.

Decorating Contest

The City's annual (outdoor) holiday decorating contest offers two ways to get into the spirit of the season.

To enter your home in the contest, just call the Romulus Recreation Department (734-941-8665) to register your name and address no later than 12 p.m. on Wednesday, December 7.

Don't have time to decorate? Why not volunteer to be a judge, instead?

A bus will depart from the Recreation Center (35765 Northline) at 6 p.m. on Thursday, December 8, to tour and judge the contest entries. First-, second-, and third-place prizes (\$100, \$25, and \$15, respectively) will be awarded.

Cost of the tour is \$1. Preregister at the Recreation Center.

Lunch/Story with Santa

The Recreation Department is inviting local youngsters and their families to come down to the Center (located at 35765 Northline) on Saturday, December 10, to share lunch and story-time with Santa Claus. Guests are asked to arrive at 11:30 a.m. for a pizza lunch, to be followed by story-time and pictures with Santa (\$2 each). The event will conclude at about 1:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$3.50 per child; parents who plan to eat lunch must also purchase a ticket. Preregistration *must* be made by Thursday, December 8.

For further information, please call 734-941-8665.

Holiday Gala for Seniors

The Romulus Senior Center (temporarily located at Romulus Progressive Hall, 11580 Ozga; 734-941-6009) is inviting local seniors to take part in the annual Holiday Gala, which will be held at the DoubleTree Hotel on Wednesday, December 21, at 10 a.m.

A ticket price of \$12 per person includes door prizes and entertainment as well as a buffet meal (scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage links, home-style breakfast potatoes, French toast, butter-milk biscuits with sausage gravy, sliced seasonal fruit, and assorted breakfast breads, condiments, and beverages).

Advance registration is required.

Letters to Santa

The Romulus Civic League is again sponsoring its Santa's Mailbox program. Local children who drop their letters to Santa into the colorful box that will soon be on display in front of City Hall (located at 11111 South Wayne Road) will get a personal reply. Letters must be "posted" by Friday, December 16.

Goodfellows Newspaper Drive Set for December 2-3; Applications for Assistance Due by December 9

During the holidays, many of us make a special effort to celebrate the true meaning of the season by giving to those in need. If you're looking for a way to help your less-fortunate neighbors, local organizations like the Romulus Goodfellows are looking for you.

The annual Goodfellows paper drive will be conducted on Friday, December 2, and Saturday, December 3, at intersections throughout Romulus. Additional donations of new, unwrapped toys, non-perishable food, clothing, and/or cash or gift certificates may be dropped off at Fire Station #4 (28777 Eureka Road) or Mayor Alan R. Lambert's office at City Hall (11111 South Wayne Road) during normal business hours.

Goodfellows assistance applications — available beginning November 28 — must be returned (along with copies of a picture ID, proof of income, and a utility bill) to one of the locations listed above by Friday, December 9. □



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Newly Elected Officials Sworn into Office

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"I want to continue current efforts to build an alliance between the City and the Schools," she said.

Craig-Bragg also hopes to spur community spirit in others, especially those who have lived in Romulus for only a short time.

"As a relative newcomer to the City [Bragg has lived here for 10 years], I hope to inspire other new residents to get involved and make a difference.

"Romulus is already a wonderful place to live and work; we can make it even better if we all pitch in," she added.

Craig-Bragg concluded by acknowledging those who stood beside her.

"I want to thank everyone who supported me in so many ways – whether it was by helping me plan my campaign, passing out literature, stamping postcards for the mail, or offering a kind or encouraging word," she said. "This election was a lot of hard work, and I couldn't have done it without each and every one of them. I would also like to say a special thank-you to Mayor Lambert for his faith in me, and the council incumbents who mentored and supported me."

Joining Craig-Bragg in expressing appreciation was Councilman Barden.

"I want to thank all the people who came out to the polls to show their support," he stated. "I vow to do my part to keep this city moving forward, and protect our quality of life."

To that end, said Barden, he will focus on a number of issues, including police/fire protection, and will also work to make the most of our tremendous potential for growth and development.

"I want to make sure that the best interests of Romulus residents are promoted and protected," he concluded.

Councilman Crout, who also vowed to help keep Romulus moving forward, was particularly pleased with the results of the election.

"I think the voters chose good people to lead our city – people who will work well together," he said. "We're going to accomplish a lot in the next four years."

Crout noted that his priorities will

include bringing jobs and shopping to the residents of Romulus, and finding ways to improve health-care and retirement benefits for City employees.

"I care about our City workers," said Crout. "They work hard for us; I want to work hard for them."

He concluded by thanking his many loyal supporters, and vowing, "I will never forget that I work for the people."

Former councilman Prybyla, whose eighth-place finish was 100 votes behind Crout's, said he had no regrets about the election's outcome.

"I believe that the current council members have the community's best interests at heart, and will do a fine job."

Prybyla also expressed his gratitude to those who supported him and worked for his reelection, and promised to continue his efforts on behalf of them and the rest of the community.

"Lots of people have questions about government, and I can still help them get the answers they need."

Former councilman Miller – who believes that the new council's makeup better represents the City's diverse population – thanked his supporters, and pledged to continue his community involvement, as well.

"Will not being reelected change my heart? Nah! Never happen!" he said. "In fact, without the encumbrances of office, I can be even more effective." □

Students Shine at Band-A-Rama

The Romulus school district's annual Band-A-Rama was again a big success. The program – held in the Romulus High School gym on November 2 – featured 350 performers (grades 6–12) from 7 district schools.

Henry James conducted the RHS concert, symphony, jazz, and marching bands, while Mark Fernandez conducted the Middle School concert and symphonic bands, and Christine Shefferly led the 35-member Elementary All-Stars.

The usual good crowd of enthu-

siastic parents enjoyed the 100-minute program, which featured both classical and popular selections. Audience favorites included "Outkast in Concert" (performed by the RMS Symphonic Band) as well as a special version of "Let's Go/Crazy Train," which featured RHS Marching Eagles percussionist Kevin Stobbe as rapper "Wunda Bred." The RHS concert and symphonic bands also gave excellent performances of several festival-type selections.

For photos, see page 13. □

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Mark Fernandez conducted Romulus Middle School's 85-member concert band at Band-A-Rama.



Henry James conducted his 75-member concert band on two festival-style selections.



Christine Shefferly led her 35-member All-Stars Band, featuring the best of the district's six elementary schools.



RHS Marching Eagles percussionist Kevin Stobbe stepped into his "Wunda Bred" persona to rap with the band.



Elementary All-Stars members looking forward to their performance included (from left) Dayna Hearod, Holly Hammond, Darien Cooley, Arlene Yancey, Savannah Moffat, Michael Cadden, and Joshua Sands.



Leading the Romulus High School Marching Eagles through yet another fine performance were the band's drum majors, Jetaun Robinson (left) and Monay Smith.

RHS Students Recognized for Academic Excellence

Congratulations to the following Romulus High School students, whose hard work and dedication earned them a spot on the honor roll for the first marking period of the 2005-2006 school year.

ALL A's

Students on the "All A's" roll maintained a grade point average of 4.00 or above.

Ninth Grade

Derek Bennett, Nicholas Curry, Lachelle Devoe, Arianna Diebel, Travis Dockery, Melissa Dufore, David Forbush, DeShawna Hill, Derek Kinney, Michael Lammers, James McGlynn, Gary Nemeth, Narjis Sheikh, Jessica Sylvester, Chelsea Tyree, and Samantha Watson.

Tenth Grade

Frances Cistrunk and Leanna Pioli.

Eleventh Grade

Jennifer Dick, Jessica Dick, Aurielle McCauley, and Jessica Mills.

Twelfth Grade

Carla Anderson, Megan Bearman, Ayibitari Burutolu, Brittany Howard, Sara Hurt, Jennifer Lammers, Courtney MacDougall, Jonathan McLachlan, Ashley Moss, Chrisma Nathaniel, Amanda Nowicki, Patricia Silvey, and Patricia Williams.

HIGH HONORS

Students on the "High Honors" roll maintained a grade point average of 3.50 to 3.99.

Ninth Grade

Jasmine Abney, Levi Adams, Christine Amis, Samantha Bankey, Cody Barnes, Ryan Bassett, Ollie Belcher, Filmore Bouldes, Krystal Burrell, Meriah Chapman, Rodney Cofield, Emily Davis, Dwayne Dixon, Emily Doyle, Kathryn Forth, Brittany Frazier, DiChelle Freeman, Christina Gillespie, Sarah Godfrey, Travis Griffin, Brianna Grover, Chelsea Hay, Ashlee Hood, Katie Koester, Ada Martin, Khatja McKay, Stephanie Mortzfield, Randall Norfleet, Byron Paisley, Latrice Parnell, Lexiss Perkins, Candace Poet, Nicolette Porter, Demetrius Price, Brittany Rodgers, Amanda Roehrich, Holly Schonscheck, Breonn Stephens, Brianni Taylor, Adam Thornsberry, Kaela Torres, La'Tonya Warlix, Sam Wells, Alise Whalen, and Anika Whitlow.

Tenth Grade

Antonio Armstrong, Rachel Arthur, Antoine Baines, Marwin Boyd, Tiffany Conradson, Gregory Cooper, Matthew Destrampe, Chelsea Earby, Brittany Frazier, Alfonso Garcia, Kourtney Hamilton, Maura Harris, Steven Hawes, Lauren Hidenfelter, Marjus Hoxha, Tanisha Hubbard, Javonté Jackson, Katrina Jadinzinski, Vaughn Liendo, Valencia Mathews, Nicholas Miller, Arielle Morgan, Melissa Peterson, Fred Sirhan, Samantha Stewart, Akara Stovall, Tranay Tanner, Abigail Tieppo, Trisha Wanamaker, Demar Watkins, Keytoria Weaver, Sarquese Williams, and Clara Windom.

Eleventh Grade

Andrew Boyd, Katherine Cobb, LaRhonda Colvin, Joshua Dew, Dekarele Eldridge, Yetunde Emanuel, Cassandra Graven, Tiffany Gray, Sharon Hayes, Joy Jendritz, Jennifer Johnson, Sarah Johnson, Nicole Klages, Krystal McCloud, Maureen McGlynn, Richelle Mortzfield, Tamila Myles, Brandon Perry, Jetaun Robinson, Devin Searcy, Amna Sheikh, Eric Smith, Monay Smith, Kevin Stobbe, Jack Webb, Shakita Wilson, Theresa Windom, and Brittany Wright.

Twelfth Grade

Ashley Austin, Katherine Banks, Richard Bennett, Lindsay Beregsasy, Bradley Bills, Landria Buckley, Joshua Carroll, Ronald Carter, Tiffany Claiborne, Carmen Coleman, Shaneta Cotton, Katrina Cutliff, Benjamin Defelice, Adam Delay, Brian DeMoisey, Katrell Duncan, Jason Elwell, Jessica Fox, Brittney Garrison, Doloris Garry, Dean Gilbert, Carl Gillespie, Nicole Goodman, Judith Hammond, Brittany Hampton, Whitney Harley, Nedra Harris, Amanda Hollis, Ashley Horyn, Riva Inman, Tom-Meka Johnson, Danielle Keller, Matthew Koester, Justin Maupin, Tiffani McCloud, Krystle McKay, Joy McWilliams, Jessica Moore, Tiffany Motsch, Candace Parsons, Jonathan Rafalski, Anisa Rakic, Timothy Reed, Joshua Sawdy, Kevin Smith, Siera Stewart, Beverly Studstill, Dennis Suiter, Jeffrey Taylor, Jeremy Trevorow, Roger Wade, Ashlee Wells, Megan Whalen, Quale Williams, Dayna Woods, and Jessica Workman.

HONORS

Students on the "Honors" roll maintained a grade point average of 3.00 to 3.49.

Ninth Grade

Lauren Alley, Kyla Barker, Joseph Barton, Antonette Battle, Taishawn Blackmon, Taurean Bradley, Adrian Brewer, Raheem Brown, Brad Burcroff, Christopher Campbell-Fultz, Tina Carter, Quindai Christopher, Taylor Collins, Stephen Conner, Paige Coon, Toni Cross, Brianna Courtland, Timothy Dalton, Don Davis, Kayla Dizney, Stormy Eldrington, Darius Ellis, Desi'Ray Ellison, Matthew Franklin, Shalonda Frye, Le'Aia Gilkey, Melissa Griffith, Melissa Groce, Ross Hadyniak, Kayla Harris, Gary Hemmingway, Nicole Hewitt, Tanesha Hill-Harris, Sarah James, Lauren Jones, Edwin Lewis, Hailey Mangrum, Aaron Marion, Brandyn Martin, Felicia Martin, Miya McDonald, Marquis McCain, Asia Moton, Cheyenne Oakley, Christina Ottenbreit, Jennifer Perry, Rashae Pree, Raymond Reed, Raven Robertson, Candace Rouse, Richard Rutherford, Donnavin Searcy, Rachel Shackelford, Dion Shepherd, Nigerrea Simpson, William Steele, Jeremey Streeter, Brittany Turner, Sharonda Vesey, Latisa Ware, Briana Watts, Mary Watts, Lexi Whitfield, Kanaya Williams, and Mariah Zockheem.

Tenth Grade

Dua Al-Jabery, Heather Baval, Barbara Bidwell, Jordan Bowden, Joshua Bright, Caren Brock, Dominique Buckley, Dean Burcroff, Latiesa Burnett, Tiffani Cannon, Azem Caushi, Tiffany Clark, Carmen Collie, Bianca Courtland, Kristen Dubisky, Christopher Floyd, Dierre Golden, Ashley Gondek, Felipe Gray, Crystal Greer, Miranda Gubaci, Randy Hahn, Kristina Hall, Tia Hall, Prince Harper, Anjenette Hood, Gerald Horton, Alexis Jackson, Shauntez Johnson, Deonne Jones, Sharita Jones, Tasheema Jones-Murray, Christopher Kovenich, Anastasia Kroll, Justin Kuderik, Kristin Leigh, Rebecca Lewkowicz, Justin Little, Jacquelyn Logan, Brittney Losacco, Lori Loshier, Jerry McIntosh, Nakita McMillon, Joya McNeal, Alyssia McVay, Amanda Menser, Kevaunte Moore, Alecia Morgan, Lawrence Nastal, Corey Neely, Alexis Newsome, Lawrence Parchman, Nakendra Pinkston, Courtney Ramsey, Jasmine Rich, Carl Roscoe, Jasmine Rutherford, Stephanie Rutherford, Kyle Sherwood, Chenise Smith, Courtney Squirewell, Tommy Taylor, Jacob VanAssche, Christina Wade, Crystal Wade, Matthew Wagle, Monique Walker, Charles Webb, Brandon Williams, Jeffrey Williams, Julian Williams, and Dominick Wilson.

Eleventh Grade

Shon Aggison, Chavez Arnold, Sarah Berger, William Blackburn, William Braden, Brieana Bray, Melissa Brewington, Jason Britton, Marcus Brown, Candice Bruckner, Akeem Burkes, Lester Burton, Anna Bustamente, Carletta Carter, Kiara Carter, Jessica Chapman, Walter Cholette, Daniel Cross, Jessica

Donald, Carissa Franklin, Shalayia Frye, Tonio Garrison, Angela Gondek, James Hayes, Leslie Hayes, Edwina Jackson, Samuel Jackson, Antoine James, Jessica James, Marcus Johnson, Joseph Kieszowski, Thomas Kuderik, Garrett Lefler, Alysa Long, Hillrod Lumpkin, Lauren Nierman, Jená Paisley, Tiffany Penn, Brittnee Shreve, Cedric Smith, Jacqueline Smith, Jesse Spicer, Chalon Sumling, Patrick Sutter, Brittany Turner, Courtney Turner, Jaclyn VanMeer, Erika Wasson, Dakota Watson, Justin White, Daryl Wilson, and Desirea Yates.

Twelfth Grade

Kathryn Appel, Samantha Arnett-Butscher, Tondra Bland, Brittini Brown, Merrika Brown, Jennifer Caloia, Amanda Collins, Ashley Crutcher, Kevin Ferguson, Alexis Fondren, David Fountain, Bradley Garland, Stephanie Gillham, Amber Gondek, Jillian Gray, Ryan Green, Timothy Griggs, Diamond Hamilton, Samina Haq, Kyle Hardoin, Lester Hardy, Jeanie Hayes, Michael Hudson, Jennifer Hunter, Anita Kizer, Stephanie Maddox, Quinton Mark, Christopher Marsh, Jamie Molic, Ralonda Peammon, Cecily Ricer, Joshua Rivera, Brian Rodgers, Thomas Rutherford, Jessica Sears, Stacey Shreve, Robert Staffieri, Britney Stephens, Mary Stewart, Bianca Talbert, Brian Thiede, Anthony Tucker, Kira Warren, Monica Wells, Stephanie Wiley, Ciera Williams, and Joshua Zirkle.

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Merriman Staff Members Share Ideas with Parents During Workshop



A recent pre-Parent/Teacher Conferences workshop gave Merriman Elementary School staff members an excellent opportunity to provide parents with helpful tips. Workshop participants included: (from left) front – Joe Demeter, Ronda Luttmann, Ruthie Green, Barbara Knight, and Renee Kish; back – Tamara Ellis, Toi Alexander, Ray Dillon, Sandra Kelly, Stephanie Wilkerson, and Tiffany Markavich.

Around the District



The Barth Elementary "Spooktacular" Halloween program – which raised over \$1,800 for the school – featured lots of fun, games, and colorful costumes. Among those who attended the horrifying holiday happening were (from left) Paul Burcroff, Kristin Nickel (with daughter Isabella), and Tori Snyder.



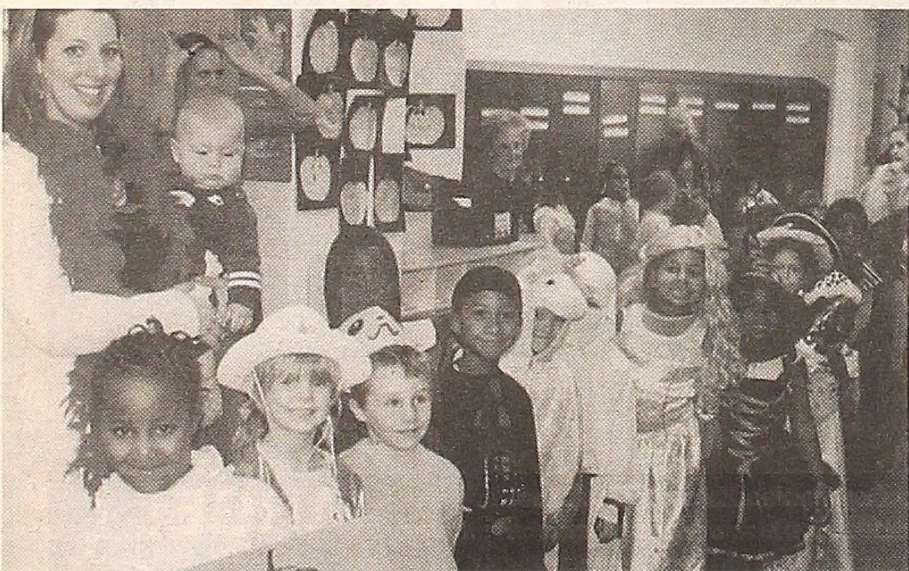
Participants in Cory Elementary's recent "Lunch with Dads/Grandads" program included: (from left) front – Byron Paisley, Durrice Green I, Noel Jones, Leroy Gittens, and Joey Colton; middle – Keith Kemp, Jof Jones, Nick Colton, and John Cassise; back – Emanuel Dooley, Rajabu Nelson, Damond Melchor, Rae Pritchett, and Randy Frison.



Halecreek's Halloween Parade featured costumed kindergartners and the RMS Marching Band: (from left) front – Savannah Crist, Lillie Carter, J.C. Morgan, Sarah Morgan, Ciarra Cooper, Ashley Bederka, Emily Scott, Morgan Harris, Merilda Harris, and Jonaé Jackson; back – Ben Camilleri, Amanda Wagle, Cieara Franklin, Ciara Turner, John Nathaniel, Zac Williams, John Lewkowicz, Terril Wells, Tara Radford, and Richard Walker.



Students and staff members at Merriman Elementary showed their school spirit by wearing sports shirts during the annual Red Ribbon Week anti-drug program. Pictured are: (from left) front – Raymond Sheikh, Bianca Tabb, and Isis Rodgers; back – Renee Kish (school social worker), Joshlyn Booth, Jacob Segur, Rabia Sheikh, Ashley Robinson, and Shellie Moore (principal).



Romulus Elementary kindergarten teacher Jessica Whalen (left, holding son Brett) helped students like (from left) Cheyenne Brown, Alexis Matyjasik, Kenneth Green, Filmel William, Bryan Bussett, Mochaela Burgess, Michael Berringer, Kaitlyn Plummer, Mahogany Brown, and Téa Hicks prepare for the school's annual Halloween Parade.



Nancy Korte (fifth from left), owner of Learning Gizmos, showed teachers, parents, and student helpers from Romulus High School how to manage one of her games for Wick Elementary's Math Night. Also pictured are (from left) Marjie McAnally, Stacy Mefford, Marilyn Wood (program coordinator), Nicole Klages, Samantha Bankey, and Chris Consales.

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Community Calendar

- **Barth Craft Bazaar** – Barth Elementary School will host its third annual Craft/Vendor Bazaar from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, November 19, at the school (38207 Barth Road). Everyone welcome.
- **St. Paul's Hosts Holiday Services** – St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (located at the corner of Craig and Ellis streets in New Boston) invites the public to attend the following Advent services: "Jesus the Saving Lord" (November 30), "The Christ, the Anointed Lord" (December 7), "The Son of God, the Divine Lord" (December 14), and "Immanuel, the Incarnated Lord" (December 21). All services begin at 7 p.m.
- **Cory To Host Arts & Crafts Show** – Cory Elementary School will host its second annual Arts & Crafts Show at the school (35200 Smith Road, at Wayne Road) on Saturday, December 3, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Vendor spaces (10'x10') are available; call parent coordinators Janice Barden or Reverend Rita Talley at 734-532-1305 (days) or 734-942-0456 (evenings).
- **Boosters Host Holiday Craft Show** – The Romulus Band Boosters will host their third annual holiday craft show at Romulus High School (9650 South Wayne Road, north of I-94) on Saturday, December 3, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Featured items will include fresh wreaths, wood crafts, homemade candy, "Pampered Chef" products, and Tupperware. Table space is still available (5' round for \$10; 8' rectangular, \$15; 10' rectangular, \$20; or 12' rectangular, \$25). Call Christina Lefler (734-955-1662) by November 25.
- **Holiday Bazaar** – Isom Memorial CME Church (located at 23612 Sumpter Road, corner of Dunn, in Belleville) will present its annual Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, December 3, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Refreshments will be available. For more information, call 734-461-2200.
- **Little League Craft Show** – Romulus Little League will host its first annual Craft Show at the Romulus VFW (39720 Huron River Drive) on Saturday, December 10, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For booth information, call Daphne Keys (734-992-2164).
- **Library To Start Teen Book and Pizza Club** – The Romulus Public Library (located at 11121 South Wayne Road, south of Goddard) is organizing a Teen Book and Pizza Club to promote great books and lively discussion. All programs will take place at 6 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month beginning in January. For more info, call the library at 734-942-7589.
- **Head Start Still Accepting Registrations** – Romulus Head Start (located in the Burton Center at 35408 Beverly Road) is still accepting registrations for the 2005–2006 school year. Parents of children who will be 3 years old on or before December 1, 2005, and who meet various other requirements (call 734-532-1900 for details), may register. The following materials should be brought to registration: the child's birth certificate, child's and parent's Social Security cards, child's immunization records, child's doctors' names/addresses, parent's proof of residency (valid driver's license or state ID), family's health insurance card(s), parent's proof of employment, and income proofs such as W-2 or 1040 forms or FIA/TANF breakdowns. Please allow at least one hour to complete the registration process.
- **Parent/Child Program for Two-year-olds** – Huron Countryside Co-op Nursery – a nonprofit, nondiscriminatory organization – is still accepting applications for its "Just You & Me" parent/child program for two-year-olds. The class meets Wednesdays from 10 to 11:15 a.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church (19109 Craig Street, New Boston). For more information, call Audra Timpko at 734-654-1760.
- **Nursery Accepting Applications** – Huron Countryside Co-op Nursery – a nonprofit, nondiscriminatory organization – is still accepting applications for the 2005–2006 school year. The class for three-year-olds focuses on learning through play to enhance social skills; the class for four-year-olds emphasizes kindergarten readiness skills. HCCN is located in St. Paul's Lutheran Church (19109 Craig Street, New Boston). For more information, call Maria Wroblewski at 734-753-5999.
- **Weekly Services at Romulus Freewill Baptist** – Reverend Paul Lewis and the congregation of Romulus Freewill Baptist Church – located at 9900 Tobine – invite the public to attend services each Sunday at 10 or 11 a.m. For more information, call the church at 734-941-8810.

To place information in our next issue's Community Calendar,
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Romulus High School Class of 1975 Enjoys 30-year Reunion



Approximately 100 people attended the 30-year reunion of Romulus High School's Class of 1975. The event – held on September 24, 2005, to coincide with the high school's Homecoming Weekend festivities – featured dinner, DJ music/dancing, old pictures and memorabilia, and plenty of reminiscing. Among the highlights of the event was a recognition ceremony for Class of '75 advisor Ron Bayes (front, fifth from right), who recently retired after 35 years of teaching in the Romulus Community Schools. The reunion, which also raised \$100 for the Romulus High School Band Boosters, was organized by committee members Peggy (Stears) Staten, Donna (Parker) Rekuta, Darnell Hearst, and Martha (Stopera) Abdelsalam. The committee would like to thank the many area businesses that donated raffle prizes for the event. (photo by Marcus Ingram – 734-945-1020)

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Obituaries

Katherine D. Brewer

Katherine D. Brewer of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Saturday, November 12, 2005, at the age of 91.

The native of Hayti, Missouri, was born on Saturday, August 8, 1914.

Katherine was a real people person who was always helping someone. Besides taking part in activities at the Romulus Senior Center, she liked traveling, dancing, baking (especially pies), and dancing. She was a great seamstress, and particularly enjoyed making quilts.

Among those surviving Katherine are 2 sons, William R. "Bud" Brewer (Ft. Myers, FL) and Glendle Brewer (Westland, MI); 2 daughters, Carol (Joseph) Kochanoski (Romulus) and

Linda (Peter) Preis (Manchester, MI); 14 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and 4 great-great-grandchildren. Those who preceded her in passing included her parents, Jack and Mannie (West) Maples; her husband, Willie G. Brewer (who passed away on July 31, 1997); and 2 daughters, Mary Wilcox (November 10, 2004) and Lena Ruth Brewer (1977).

A funeral service was held on Tuesday, November 15, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus), with Pastor Joe Jones (West Wayne Freewill Baptist Church, Wayne, MI) officiating. Burial was at Romulus Memorial Cemetery. Memorial tributes to Heartland Hospice (Ann Arbor, MI) would be appreciated by the Brewer family.

Emerson G. Cameron

Emerson G. Cameron of New Boston, Michigan, passed away on Friday, November 11, 2005, at the age of 82.

The native of Detroit, Michigan, was born on Saturday, November 10, 1923.

After serving his country in the U.S. Army, Emerson was honorably discharged on September 15, 1943. He was employed at *The Detroit Free Press* until his retirement on January 1, 1985.

Emerson was a member of the Dads Club and the Knights of Columbus, and did volunteer work for the annual festival at St. Stephen Catholic Church (New Boston). He enjoyed TV and football.

Among those surviving Emerson are his 4 children, Emerson G. (Elizabeth) Cameron, Jr. (and their children, Emerson G. III, Ryan, Scott, and Beth), Franklin J. (Gayle) Cameron

(and their children, Garrett, Frank, and Catherine), Michael J. (Debra) Cameron (and their children, Kelly and Michael), and Nancy (Edmund) Bosas (and their children, Edmund Jr., Matthew, and Emily). He is also survived by a sister, Doris Fletcher, and a great-grandchild.

Emerson was preceded in passing by his wife of nearly 45 years, Virginia (Campian) Cameron (who passed away on May 10, 1995); his parents, Joseph C. and Marie Spiel; and a brother, Robert Cameron (April 2, 1992).

A funeral service was held at St. Stephen Church, with Reverend John Hedges, pastor, officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock). Arrangements were entrusted to Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI). Memorial tributes to Angela Hospice (Livonia, MI) would be appreciated by the Cameron family.

Joseph C. Pearson

Joseph C. Pearson of Westland, Michigan, passed away on Tuesday, November 8, 2005, at the age of 87.

The U.S. Navy veteran (World War II) was born in Pottsville, Pennsylvania, on Monday, June 17, 1918.

Surviving Joseph are his daughter, Sandra Faye (Simon) Maas (West-

land); 4 grandchildren; and 2 great-grandchildren. Among those who preceded him in passing were his parents, William G. and Amelia M. Pearson, and his wife, Olive M. Pearson.

Arrangements were entrusted to Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI). Cremation rites were accorded. □

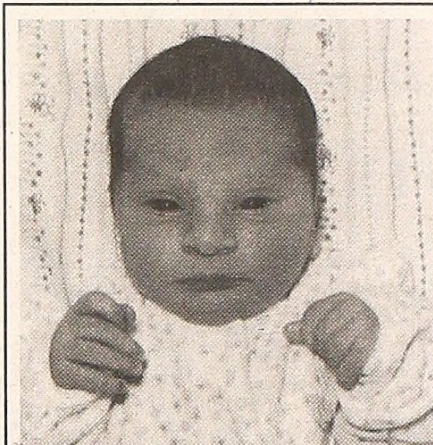
The Stork Arrived

Ava Marie Evans

Rich and Alanna Evans of Romulus, Michigan, are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Ava Marie Evans.

Ava was born in Oakwood Hospital (Dearborn, MI) at 3:21 p.m. on Saturday, October 15, 2005, weighing 6 lbs., 11 oz., and measuring 19.5 in.

Among those giving the new arrival a warm and loving welcome into the family were her paternal grandparents, Rich and Joyce Evans (Romulus), and her maternal grandparents, Ted and Nancy Young (Woodhaven, MI).



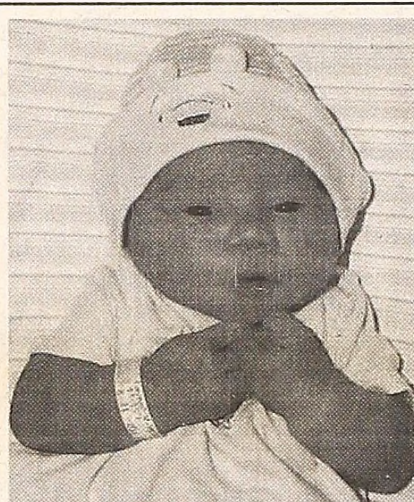
Ava Marie Evans

Anthony Robert Casmer-Villeda

Proudly announcing the birth of their first child, Anthony Robert Casmer-Villeda, are Juan and Martie Villeda of Romulus, Michigan.

Anthony was born in Oakwood Medical Center (Dearborn, MI) at 4:48 a.m. on Wednesday, August 31, 2005, weighing in at 8 lbs., 13 oz., and measuring 21.75 in.

Especially excited about the new arrival were his paternal grandparents, Mario and Olivia Villeda (Izabal, Guatemala), and his maternal grandparents, Daniel and Carol Casmer (Romulus). □



Anthony Robert Casmer-Villeda

Engagement

Donald D. Cade II and LaToya T. Holmes

Leonard and Frances Holmes of Romulus, Michigan, are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, LaToya T. Holmes, to Donald D. Cade II, the son of Donald and Roxanne Cade of Columbus, Ohio.

The couple—who became engaged on Friday, June 10, 2005—plan to exchange their wedding vows at Linwood Church of Christ (Detroit, MI) on Saturday, September 2, 2006.

Standing up with Donald will be groomsmen Oronde Edwards, Cliff Holmes, and Jerry Cobb.

LaToya will be attended by bridesmaids Kim (Davis) Steward and Montrisha (Wyatt) Barnes.

A reception, to be held at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African-American History (Detroit)—will immediately follow the ceremony. □



Donald D. Cade II and LaToya T. Holmes

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